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COMPOUNDS THAT INHIBIT INTERACTION OF  
HOST CELL PROTEINS AND VIRAL PROTEINS  
REQUIRED FOR VIRAL REPLICATION

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 31, 2007 ("Office Action"), and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please consider the remarks set forth below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants concurrently submit herewith a Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences with a provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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